

Re: Fw: Talking Points for ARSG Meeting

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Joint Messages:

- Sunnyside Gold Corporation (Sunnyside) initiated an August 1, 2012 meeting with representatives of EPA, BLM and CDPHE to begin discussions on a legal framework to work toward addressing water quality issues in the Animas River.
- EPA, BLM, CDPHE and Sunnyside are now working to further develop that legal framework, and as part of that process, EPA and Sunnyside will be making information requests of each other. These requests are part of the collaborative process and are not a precursor to a Superfund Listing on the National Priorities List.
- EPA, BLM, CDPHE and Sunnyside also agreed that these new discussions do not change each party's commitment to continue working collaboratively with all the stakeholders including ARSG to address the water quality issues in the Animas River.
- Since April, data has been shared, Sunnyside has completed an analysis of metals loading for a portion of the watershed, and more data is expected in October regarding zinc loads.
- We expect to have more details in the near future, and we will keep you informed as we know more.

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